

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is urged in view of the amendments above and comments which follow.

In the Office Action, the examiner has indicated the allowability of the subject matter of claims 7 and 8. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein to the subject matter of claim 7, and claim 7 has been cancelled. Claims 2-6 remain dependent upon claim 1, as amended. Also, to have the claims in proper logical sequence, former claim 16 has been cancelled and is replaced by identical new claim 19.

Finally, new claim 20 is a combination of former claims 1 and 8. New claims 21-25 correspond, respectively to claims 2-6 and new claim 26 corresponds to cancelled claim 16 but dependent upon new claim 20.

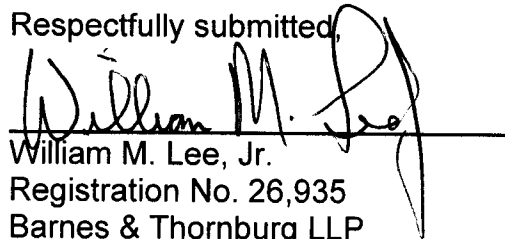
Since claim 7 has been indicated to contain allowable subject matter, it is submitted that amended claim 1, which incorporates the subject matter of claim 7, is therefore allowable, as are its dependent claims 2-6 and 19. Similarly, since claim 8 was indicated to contain allowable subject matter, new claim 20, which is a combination of former claims 1 and 8, is submitted to be allowable, as are dependent claims 21-26.

It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and no new issues have been raised since the amendments above are simply to incorporate the subject matter of the allowable claims. Those amendments have been made without prejudice to the patentability of any other subject matter contained in the present application.

As this response is being submitted during the fifth month following the examiner's Office Action, an appropriate Petition for Extension of Time is also submitted herewith.

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